

MEMORANDUM TO: The Director,
Central Intelligence Agency

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SUBJECT:

1. On 16 March 1949, [redacted] reported a request [redacted] for the services of one of our MECA radio operator technicians [redacted] to cover the following six weeks which he considered to be critical. [redacted]

[redacted] This request was granted upon receipt of additional information [redacted] which clarified that the [redacted]

[redacted] circuit would not be activated unless normal communications were cut off and unless [redacted] personnel remained [redacted]

The approval was made on a temporary basis and contingent upon ability of the MECA network to continue operation despite the loss of this technician. It was felt that this organization might be seriously embarrassed in the event that some emergency arose and we had not acceded to the [redacted] request. An operator technician [redacted] was sent [redacted] on 13 April.

2. On 27 April, [redacted] who are on TDY in the Middle East reported [redacted] assignment must be permanent, although originally represented as tentative. They stated that although the permanent assignment imposed serious strain on the network, arrangements were being made to comply by rotating technicians [redacted] on a 90-day basis. [redacted]

3. The action [redacted] has been discussed informally with the representatives [redacted] who indicated no prior knowledge. They are fully aware of the implications of this requirement in relation to current MECA personnel shortages but have not, to our knowledge, taken any action.

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